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Docket No. 211861US3

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Chiaki M. Tanaka

SERIAL NO: 09/911,399

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ No additional fee is required
- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.
- ☒ Additional documents filed herewith: Marked Up Copy, Attachment 1

The Fee has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS	CLAIMS REMAINING		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID	NO. EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	CALCULATIONS
TOTAL	19	MINUS	20	0	x \$18 =	\$0.00
INDEPENDENT	3	MINUS	3	0	x \$84 =	\$0.00
		<input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS			+ \$280 =	\$0.00
		TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS				\$0.00
		<input type="checkbox"/> Reduction by 50% for filing by Small Entity				\$0.00
		<input type="checkbox"/> Recordation of Assignment			+ \$40 =	\$0.00
		TOTAL				\$0.00

☐ A check in the amount of **\$0.00** is attached.

- ☒ Please charge any additional Fees for the papers being filed herewith and for which no check is enclosed herewith, or credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time may be charged to Deposit Account No. 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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EXAMINER: A. CHOP

**AMENDMENT OF DEPENDENT CLAIMS  
AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

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SIR:

In response to the Official Action mailed on September 12, 2002, please amend the above-identified application, as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend dependent claims 2 and 8 as shown in clean form below and add new claims 16-19 as shown below. A Marked-Up Copy of the amended claims is attached.

2. (Amended) The ring according to claim 1, further comprising:

a first central axis which connects a center of a bottom surface of said first ditch portion and a center of curvature of both and outer surface of said ring and an inner surface of said ring;

a second central axis which connects a center of a bottom surface of said second ditch portion and said center of curvature of both said outer and inner surfaces of said ring, wherein